

COUNCIL UPDATE

STRATEGIC PLAN 2015-2018

The Mayor and Council recently adopted the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan which sets forth our vision and clearly identifies our strategic goals for the next three years. These goals are as follows:

1. Enhance Sustainability of City Services and Infrastructure
2. Strengthen Neighbourhoods
3. Expand Local Jobs, Local Prosperity
4. Achieve Excellence in City Governance.

Along with these goals, the Plan lays out how we will achieve our goals and how we will measure our success. To view the plan, please visit www.nelson.ca under the Publications and Reports section.



2015-2018 Strategic Plan NELSON

COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR 2016

| Statutory Holiday | June 2016 | | | | | | | July 2016 | | | | | | |
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| REGULAR Meeting (7 pm) | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| COW Meeting (starting at 7 pm) | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| COW Meeting (starting at 1pm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APC Meeting (as needed) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CDC Meeting (11:30 am) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NHC Meeting (12:05 pm) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Conferences | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Reception | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2016 Budget meetings | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

WATER CONSERVATION IN NELSON

The City of Nelson has joined with Columbia Basin Trust again this summer for their Water Smart Initiative program. The City has hired Avery Deboer-Smith as our 2016 Water Smart Ambassador. Avery will be out in the community for the duration of the summer in an educational role and providing free lawn and garden assessments for Nelson residents. Avery will assess your soil type and your watering system and provide you with a recommended watering schedule based on a variety of factors. **This year, all residents who complete an assessment will receive a free hose-timer and be entered to win a prize of a low-flow toilet or a rain barrel.**

To book an assessment, contact Avery at 250-352-8102 or watersmart@nelson.ca.

You can also pick up your free Toilet Tank Bag at City Hall to help reduce the amount of water going down the drain.



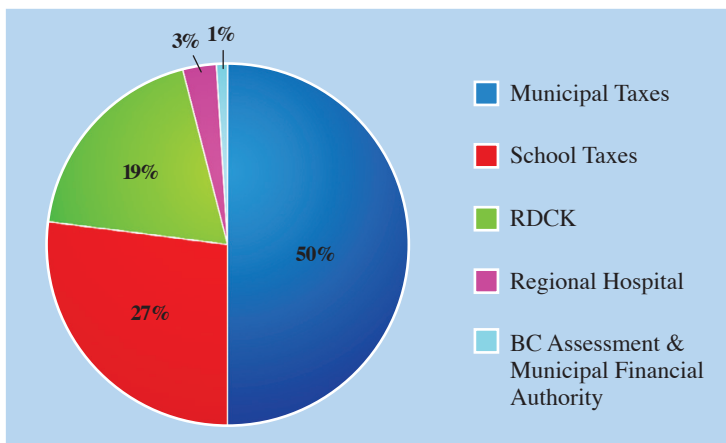
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

2016 Property Tax Notices have been mailed out. Taxes are due on July 4, 2016, after which time a penalty of 10% will apply on any outstanding balance due. If you are eligible for the Home Owner Grant, that must also be claimed by the due date to avoid late penalty charges on the grant amount. If you have still not received your Property Tax Notice by the end of the month, please contact City Hall at 250-352-8248. Be sure to check the insert with your Property Tax Notice for details on how to pay, and how to claim your Home Owner Grant online, or visit www.nelson.ca.

Do you know the breakdown of your property tax notice?

The adjacent graph depicts the breakdown of percentage of taxes paid by City of Nelson residential property owners (single family dwellings).



OPERATIONS

ALLEY OBSTRUCTIONS

There has been an increase in the number of structures and materials encroaching on City lanes and alleys. These include composters, garbage containers, retaining walls, fences, overgrown shrubs, trees, and yard waste. In addition, our City crews have noted improperly parked vehicles, trailers and boats in the laneways which can create difficult and unsafe passage for City garbage trucks, hydro line trucks, fire trucks, ambulance emergency service vehicles and residential traffic.

What can you do to help?

- Place garbage containers, composters and materials onto private property.
- Remove structures/materials encroaching on City property.
- Trim overhanging trees and shrubs.
- Dispose of combustible materials, including dry leaves, yard and tree clippings.
- Do not park vehicles, trailers or boats in the alley as to obstruct through traffic.

GYRO PARK POOL

Gyro Pool will be open seven days a week from Saturday, July 2 until Sunday, September 4, 2016 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm (except the Statutory Holiday on Monday, August 1st).

NELSON FIRE RESCUE

How FireSmart will you be this summer?

Do you know how to make your home FireSmart? Search the City's website (www.nelson.ca) for "FireSmart" to learn about evaluating your home's vulnerabilities during wildfire season, or contact the fire hall at (250) 352-3103. We can help assess the fire risk of your property, at no charge. You'll gain an understanding of fire-spread and how simple actions taken now can alter the outcome of a wildfire.



NELSON HYDRO

NELSON HYDRO CUSTOMER ADVISORY

Tampering with Hydro Meters:

Nelson Hydro would like to remind customers that tampering with hydro meters is extremely dangerous and a safety risk to the offender. It also contravenes City Bylaw No. 3196 Part 7 – METERING, section 7.3.

If Nelson Hydro has concerns that a meter has been tampered with, consequences may result in legal action and/or disconnection of power. If you suspect that a meter has been tampered with, please call 250-352-8240 and Nelson Hydro will investigate.

"The safety of our customers and electrical system is paramount."



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

The Downtown Urban Design Strategy is underway. Thanks to all who attended our workshops in May. Watch for the next engagement opportunity scheduled for **June 18 and 20, 2016**. Details about the events will be printed in the Nelson Star. You can also find information on the City of Nelson website (www.nelson.ca) and Facebook page, or contact Megan Squires at msquires@nelson.ca or 250.352.8221.

Development Services has hired a researcher to investigate the impact of Airbnb/short-term rentals in Nelson. Information on the project is available at str.nelson.ca. There will be numerous public engagement opportunities, including a Town Hall on **June 21, 2016** from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce. Please visit the website – str.nelson.ca – for more information or contact Alex Thumm at athumm@nelson.ca or 250.352.8232.

The draft **Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Action Plan** will be presented at an Open House on **June 13, 2016** at the Chamber of Commerce from 6:30-8:30pm. There will be a presentation at 7:00pm followed by a Q & A. Please see the website at www.nelsonrailtown.com for more information on this project or contact Pam Mierau at pmierau@nelson.ca or 250.352.8217.

Key Dates:

- June 13 Railtown Sustainable Neighborhood Action Plan - Open House
- June 18-20 Downtown Urban Design Strategy – Design Festival
- June 21 Airbnb/Short-Term Rental - Town Hall



YARD WASTE DROP-OFF FOR CITY OF NELSON RESIDENTS – JUNE 2016

The City of Nelson is offering Nelson residents three weekend opportunities to drop off their yard waste for FREE at the old Transfer Station at the end of Lakeside Drive. Please bring proof of residency, such as a Driver's License with a Nelson address, or a utility/hydro bill and identification. Questions – please call Public Works at (250) 352-8238.

June 4th and 5th
8:30am – 2:00pm

June 11th and 12th
8:30am – 2:00pm

June 18th and 19th
8:30am – 2:00pm

The following yard and garden waste is permitted to be dropped off:

- Hedge and grass clippings
- Weeds (not noxious weeds)
- Shrubs
- Shrub and tree branches (must be less than 6 inches in diameter)

For more details on what is permitted and not permitted to be dropped off, please go to www.nelson.ca and view the Yard Waste Drop-Off public notice.

Want up-to-date information on City projects, events and public notices? Find us on Facebook.

